



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)

(Implements RCW 34.05.310)

Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Social and Health Services, Economic Services Administration

Subject of possible rule making:

The department is proposing to amend WAC 388-400-0040, "Am I eligible for benefits through the Washington Basic Food program?" and any other related rules as may be required.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:

RCW 74.04.005, RCW 74.04.500, RCW 74.04.510, RCW 74.04.515, RCW 74.08A.120, and 7 CFR 271.2

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:

The department is proposing to amend rules regarding the definition of "disabled" for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) clients. The proposal is to amend the definition to include clients that receive state general assistance benefits.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:

The Community Services Division is coordinating this rule change with key staff in the Home and Community Services Division to make sure rule changes are consistent with that agency's regulations and state law.

The state legislature authorizes the department to administer the Food Stamp Program (SNAP) and food assistance program for legal immigrants under RCW 74.04.500, RCW 74.04.510, and RCW 74.08A.120.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☐ Agency study
- ☒ Other (describe)

DSHS welcomes the public to take part in developing the rules. Anyone interested should contact the staff person identified below. At a later date, DSHS will file a proposal with the Office of the Code Reviser with a notice of proposed rule making. A copy of the proposal will be sent to everyone on the mailing list and to anyone who requests a copy.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.) Contact: Ezra Paskus Program Manager

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